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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

WHereas we are informed, That divers Seamen and Seafaring Men are gotten into Inland Counties, with deſign to ſhelter themſelves there from our Service, and by their ſo abſconding, when there is a preſſing Occaſion for their Service, we have reaſon to apprehend, that our Ships, which are now fitting out, cannot be ſo timely manned as the Service may require, notwithſtanding all the Endeavours that have hitherto been uſed, both by preſſing and entertaining Voluntiers; we do therefore, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, ſtrictly charge and require all Juſtices of the Peace and other Magiſtrates of every Town and County within this Kingdom, but more eſpecially of thoſe Towns which lie on the Road from any Sea-Port Town to London, That they uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to apprehend and ſeize all Straggling Seamen, Watermen, Bargemen, Fiſhermen, and Lightermen, which are of able Bodies, and fit to ſerve on Board our Ships, and which ſhall be met with by or before the Tenth Day of May next; and cauſe them to be ſent to the neareſt Sea-Ports, where any of our Ships of War, or Tenders belonging to the ſame, ſhall be, namely, Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Sheerneſs, Harwich, Portſmouth, and Plymouth; and we enjoin them to take Care, that ſuch Straglers be delivered to the Officers and Commanders which ſhall be on Board ſuch Ships of War or Tenders. And we do hereby further command and direct, That the Officers (who receive ſuch Stragling Seamen or Seafaring Men) give Receipts for them; and that they inſert in ſuch Receipts, not only the Names of the Men, but the Names of the Ships or Veſſels they ſhall be entertained for, together with the Time when, and the Place where, they are ſo received. And we hereby further direct and require all our Captains, Lieutenants, and other Officers of our Ships of War, That they do not receive any Old Men or Boys, or Infirm or Diſeaſed Perſons, unfit for our Service. And as an Encouragement to all Officers and others, who ſhall apprehend and ſend on Board any of our Ships of War or Tenders, any ſuch Stragling Seaman or Seafaring Man, we do hereby order and direct our Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of our Navy, to give Orders to the Clerks of the Cheque at the ſaid ſeveral Ports (upon producing to them ſuch Receipts from the Officers of our Ships of War, who received ſuch Men on Board our Ships of War or Tenders) to pay unto the Perſons ſo bringing and delivering ſuch Stragling Seamen or Safaring Man, Ten Shillings for every Man who ſhall be brought within Twenty Miles from that Place where he or they were firſt taken up, and Six Pence per Mile for every Man who ſhall be brought above Twenty Miles, over and above the aforeſaid Ten Shillings. And that our ſaid Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of our Navy do direct the ſaid Clerks of the Cheque at the ſeveral Ports, not only to keep an exact Account of the Money by them expended in this Service, but that they take Care, that the ſaid Men, for whom Receipts ſhall be given, be put on Board ſome of our Ships of War, or Tenders to them belonging; and that ſuch Receipts as ſhall be ſo tendred them, be delivered up into the Hands of the ſaid Clerks of the Cheque, upon the Payment of the Allowances before-mentioned; and that they cauſe to be tranſmitted to the Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of our Navy, a true and juſt Account of the Names of the Men they receive, and the Ships or Veſſels on which they put them on Board, together with the aforeſaid Receipts, that ſo they, the ſaid Commiſſioners of our Navy, may be the better enabled to inſpect into the Validity of the ſaid Accounts.

Given at Our Court at St. *James*'s, the Nineteenth Day of *March*, 1718, in the Fifth Year of our Reign.

God ſave the KING.

His Majeſty's moſt gracious

DECLARATION,

For the Encouragement of his Ships of War and Privateers.

GEORGE R.

HIS Majeſty, for vindicating the Honour of his Crown, for the Maintenance of his ſolemn Treaties and Engagements, and for the Preſervation of the Rights and Advantages of his Subjects, finding himſelf obliged to declare War againſt Spain, is reſolved, in ſo juſt and neceſſary an Undertaking, in Conjunction with his Allies, vigorouſly to proſecute the ſame. And being moſt graciouſly inclined to give all due Encouragement to the Valour and Fidelity of his Subjects, ſerving on board any of his Ships of War or Privateers, hath thought fit, by the Advice of his Privy Council, to publiſh and declare, that if any Ship, Veſſel, or Goods, belonging to the Enemy, or otherwiſe liable to Confiſcation, ſhall be ſeized or taken at Sea, or in any of the Enemy's Ports, Havens, or Rivers by any of his Majeſty's Ships of War, or Merchant Ships employed in his Service, and ſhall be condemned and adjudged as lawful Prize to his Majeſty, the ſame, as ſoon as conveniently may be, ſhall be appraiſed, and, after due and publick Notice, openly ſold by Inch of Candle, to the beſt Advantage; and after ſatisfying the Duties and Cuſtoms payable by Law, and the legal and neceſſary Charges thereupon, the neat Proceed of all ſuch Prizes ſo taken, ſhall be divided into eight equal Parts; whereof the Captain or Captains of any of his Majeſty's Ships of War, who ſhall be actually on board at the taking of any Prize, ſhall be allowed two eighth Parts: But in Caſe any Prize ſhall be taken by any Ship or Ships of War, under the Command of a Flag or Flags, the Flag-Officer or Officers being actually on board, or directing and aſſiſting in the Capture, to have one eighth Part of the ſaid Prize: But in Caſe there be no Flag-Officer, the Captain to have that one eighth Part likewiſe in Addition to his two eights: To the marine Captains, or the Captain of a Company of Foot, who ſerves on board as a marine Captain, ſea Lieutenants, and Maſter, ſhall be allowed one eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them: The marine Lieutenants or Lieutenant of Foot Companies, ſerving on board as Marines, Boatſwain, Gunner, Purſer, Carpenter, Maſters Mate, Chirurgeons and Chaplain, one eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them: The Midſhipmen, Carpenters Mates, Boatſwains Mates, Gunners Mates, Corporals, Yeoman of the Sheets, Coxſwain, Quarter-maſter, Quartermaſters Mates, Chirurgeons Mates, Yeoman of the Powder-room, and Serjeants of Marines, or the Serjeants of Foot Companies ſerving on board as Marines, one eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them: The Trumpeters, Quarter-Gunners, Carpenters Crew, Steward, Cook, Armorer, Stewards Mate, Cooks Mate, Gunſmith, Cooper, Swabber, ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, able Seamen, ordinary Seamen, Voluntiers by Letter, and marine Soldiers, or land Soldiers, ſerving on board as ſuch, two eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongſt them. And in Caſe any ſea Captain, inferior Commiſſion or Warrant ſea Officers, belonging to any Ship of War, for whom any Shares of Prizes are hereby allowed, be abſent, and not on board at the time of the Capture of any Prize, the Share of ſuch ſea Captain, inferior Commiſſion or Warrant ſea Officer, ſhall be caſt into the Shares hereby allowed to the Trumpeter, Quarter-Gunners, Carpenters Crew, Steward, Cook, Armorer, Stewards Mate, Cooks Mate, Gunſmith, Cooper, Swabber, ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, able Seamen, ordinary Seamen, Voluntiers by Letter, and marine Soldiers and land Soldiers, ſerving on board as ſuch to be equally divided amongſt them. And his Majeſty doth hereby ſtrictly enjoin all and every Commander and Commanders of his Ships of War, taking any Prize, as ſoon as may be, to tranſmit, or cauſe to be tranſmitted to the Commiſſioners of his Navy, a true Liſt of the Names of all the Officers, Seamen, and others, who